

20th January 2023

## Attendance

Class	Attendance for the period 09-01-2023 to 13-01-2023 Target 97%	Has the class target been attained this week?
RA	96.00%	Not Attained
RB	96.67%	Not Attained
1A	89.67%	Not Attained
1M	90.33%	Not Attained
2K	91.33%	Not Attained
2Y	98.33%	Attained
3A	97.33%	Attained
3B	93.67%	Not Attained
4FS	92.90%	Not Attained
4S	98.00%	Attained
5D	96.67%	Not Attained
5P	99.35%	Attained
6A	94.84%	Not Attained
6F	93.23%	Not Attained
Overall School	94.88%	Whole school target not attained!

**Our attendance target is 97%**

Please can we remind parents that any leave requests during term-time will be denied. Time taken during school term time may result in fines administered by the Council and may result in court action.

## Potential Industrial Action

You may have heard that as part of a national pay dispute, the National Education Union has called upon its members to strike on the following days:

Wednesday 1st February 2023

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Wednesday 15th March 2023

Thursday 16th March 2023

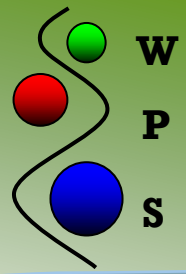
As a school, **we will endeavour to remain open** and continue providing education for our children. Please assume that school will remain open. If this position changes, we will contact parents.

## Emergency Closures due to bad weather

If we have to close school in the event of a bad weather event, we will notify all parents and carers via text. Please can you ensure that your mobile telephone numbers are up-to-date. If you have changed your number recently, please come and see a member of the school office staff to make sure we have your most recent number.

We will also post any closures on our school website:

[www.westmnst.bham.sch.uk](http://www.westmnst.bham.sch.uk)



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## Well-Being Award

We are very pleased to be able to share with you that our school has been successful in the reassessment of the 'Well-Being Award'. This award recognises our commitment and the well-being of our school community.

We would like to say a big thank you to all parents for your contribution to this.

## SEND Award

We are determined to continuously improve our provision and of course this includes our children with special educational needs. Therefore we are now working towards the SEND award which will ensure that we have the best possible practise.

In the near future we will be inviting parents to contribute your views regarding this area.

## Pastoral

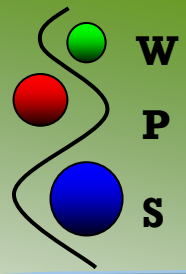
Mrs Patel, who is our SENDCo, will now be responsible for our pastoral programmes and of course parents are welcome to contact her about their children's well-being and pastoral provision.

## Earrings / Nose rings

Please can you ensure your child/children do not wear hooped earrings or nose rings to school. This is due to health and safety considerations. You may allow your child to wear studs if you wish.

## Dates for your diary: 2022 –23

<b>Fri 17th Feb:</b>	Staff training day—school closed to pupils
<b>Mon 20th—Fri 24th Feb:</b>	Spring half term holiday
<b>Mon 27th Feb:</b>	School open for pupils
<b>Fri 31st Mar:</b>	Break up for Easter holidays
<b>Mon 17th Apr:</b>	Start of Summer term—school open for pupils
<b>Mon 1st May:</b>	Bank Holiday—school closed
<b>Mon 8th May:</b>	Bank Holiday (King's coronation) - school closed



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## Parent Courses and information

We have started a number of courses for parents this month. The table below shows the courses which still have availability:

Course	Day	Time
8 week diabetes course	Tuesday PM	1.15—3.00pm
Women's Fitness (Saheli Hub)	Wednesday PM	1.30—2.30 pm
Wellbeing (knitting, crochet)	Friday AM	9.30—11.30am

For adults in receipt of benefits, there is the opportunity to access free English classes. Level 1 ESOL classes organised by BAES will run every Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00—10.30am in January 2023. If interested, please see Mrs Khan in the school office. Or if you prefer, you can call 0121 716 6206 to register.

**We will be holding another Shelter Advice surgery on Monday 13th February from 9.00—12.00am. This will take the format of one-to-one sessions for anyone experiencing housing difficulties. The last session proved to be very popular. If you wish to make an appointment for this session in February, please come and see Mrs Khan.**

## Food Parcels/ Assistance

We are working with Handsworth Association and iCare to secure food parcels for families that are in need.

If you are currently struggling and in need of a food parcel, please come and speak to our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Khan. All enquiries will be handled confidentially.

If you are encountering hardship, please do come and see a senior member of staff and we will endeavour to assist you.

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## Sports activities

A number of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in the local School Games competition this week. The children had a great time playing against pupils from other schools in the area. They went on to secure third place in the event and were awarded bronze medals in the athletics competition.

Well done to all those who took part!

We have also had a coach in from Warwickshire Cricket club this week. This was part of the 'Chance to Shine' initiative. Our children in Years 3 to 5 received some valuable tips in cricket skills and had great fun!



## Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to sickness, medical appointments or other reasons, please make sure you call school to notify us of the absence. Please can you ensure that you call in by 9.00am. Our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Khan, will start calling families after this time if no message has been received.

## Packed Lunches

If your child has a packed lunch during lunch time, please ensure that their lunches consist of healthy and balanced options. Please also remember not to send in any food items containing nuts.